

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

The Examiner in his Office Action dated June 19, 2002 indicated the subject matter of claims 2, 3 and 8-10 as being allowable. Applicant by the instant amendment has presented four new independent claims. Independent claim 29 corresponds to original claim 2 rewritten in independent form. Claim 30 corresponds to original claim 3 rewritten in independent form. Claim 35 corresponds to original claim 8 and claim 37 corresponds to original claim 10 in independent form. The remaining claims are dependent claims which depend from at least one of independent claims 29, 30, 35 and 37. Accordingly, in light of the instant amendment, all of the claims as pending are new in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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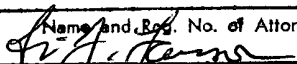
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